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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2016

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Brown; Chairman, George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Discussion and Approval of Order of Conditions

Bruer Pond (dredging project)

The Conservation Commission reviewed and amended the draft copy of the special conditions associated with the project at Bruer Pond that included dredging, bank stabilization and plantings.

Motion: George Reich, approve the Order of Conditions as discussed and amended

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in favor: George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

7:15 PM Notice of Intent 108 Crane Hill Road

Present: Michael & Herta Dane

The proposed work includes new septic system, demolition of garage, demolition of existing septic system and construction of a new single family home. Portions of the work proposed work falls within the 200' Riverfront Area.

The old leach field is within 100' of the riverfront and the new one is over 100' which qualifies as an improvement under the Rivers Protection Act. In response to comments from Mark Stinson of DEP, the Conservation Commission suggests adding several shrubs for added protection from water run-off and erosion. The site also falls within the polygon of Massachusetts Natural Heritage and required an application be filed with them for review. As of this meeting, the Commission has not received the comments from Mass Natural Heritage.

Motion: George Reich, continue the public hearing until April 25, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously in favor: George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Minutes: March 16, 2016

Motion: Stoughton Smead, accept minutes as written

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in favor: George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Minutes: March 28, 2016

Motion: Jim Roberts, accept minutes as discussed and amended

2nd: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously in favor: George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Fund Request Jay Taylor – Open Space & Recreation Committee

Mr. Taylor appeared before the Commission to request funds from the Conservation Commission for reimbursement for a tool for maintaining the trail systems on town-owned properties. It is a hoe/rake combination tool for keeping the existing trails cleared of debris. The purchase price with shipping is \$126.74. Mr. Taylor has already purchased the tool.

Motion: George Reich, approve to reimburse Mr. Taylor \$126.74 for the purchase of the tool.

2nd: Tom Reavey

Unanimously in favor: George Reich, Jim Roberts, Tom Reavey, Paul Ekness and Stoughton Smead

Discussion Jay Taylor – Open Space & Recreation Committee

The Open Space & Recreation Committee along with the ADA Committee is pursuing a plan for a trail system at Spectacle Pond that runs along the pond approximately 2/3 of a mile. The trail would begin at the handicap parking location and run parallel with the old access road. Environmental Engineer Stan Tenerowitz, who went to the site, indicated that the trail would be too close to the pond and would potentially disturb the wetland plants and in addition, he felt the area was too steep to create a trail system. Mr. Taylor indicated that this is a preliminary trail idea and that other ideas are being discussed.

Discussion Shady Lane Site Walk

The Conservation Commission went to Shady Lane on Saturday, April 9 to observe alleged violations of encroachment and wetland disturbance. Observations included a trail from Shady Lane to a back yard on Pearl Lane, an abundance of leaves in the wetland area, manicured area on town property and some trees being supported by chains. Commissioner Tom Reavey indicated that he did not recall a trail being on the property and the brush was so thick you could barely walk thru it. The Commission requested that the abutter on Pearl Lane be invited to the next meeting to discuss the observations.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

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